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CHARGING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows prior to examination, thereof.

In the Specification

At page 1, line 15, after "users", insert --, --

At page 1, line 16, after "apparatus", insert --, --

At page 1, line 25, change "one" to -- single --.

At page 4, line 7, change "flow chart" to -- flowchart --.

At page 4, line 19, change "(MultiFunctional" to -- (Multi-Functional --

At page 5, line 4, change "Note" to -- It should be noted --.

At page 5, line 6, after "and" (second occurrence), insert -- that --.

At page 6, line 6, after "can", insert -- perform --.